

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Appln. No.: 09/527,467

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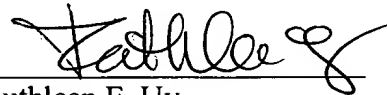
REMARKS

Claims 8, 15 and 17-19 are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 18 has been editorially amended as indicated above to cure a minor error. The amendments to claim 18 was made for reasons of precision of language and consistency, and does not narrow the literal scope of the claims and thus do not implicate an estoppel in the application of the doctrine of equivalents.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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